



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Dale R. Buchholz, et al.  
Application No.: 09/780,916  
Filed: February 9, 2001  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ENCODING AND DECODING PAUSE  
INFORMATION  
Group Art Unit: 2654  
Examiner: Abul K. Azad

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. (X) Reply to Office Action of May 12, 2004.
2. Fee for Claims

( ) No additional fee is required.

The fee for additional claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid for		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	67	Minus	68	-0-	x 9	-	x 18	-0-
Indep.	7	Minus	9	-0-	X 84	-	x 42	-0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims					+140	-	+280	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES						-	OR	-0-

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3. **Method of Payment of Fees**

- ( ) Enclosed is our firm check in the amount of: \$
- ( ) Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

4. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-3038. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 30, 2004  
(Date)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 12, 2004

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Dear Examiner Azad:

In response to the Office Action of May 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set out below and kindly consider the remarks that follow.